

Table 3

Coolwater Fish General Regulations (Hook and Line) (Note 1)

Species	Seasons	Minimum Size		Daily/Possession Limit
Largemouth bass Smallmouth bass (Note 2)	3rd. Sat. in June (June 21) - Dec. 31: L. St. Clair, St. Clair R., Detroit R. Sat. before Memorial Day (May 24) - Dec. 31: All other waters including Great Lakes (except those listed in note 2)	14"		5 in any combination, but no more than 2 northern pike
Walleye (Note 3) Sauger	May 15 - February 29: On Upper Pen. inland waters not otherwise closed to fishing, Gr. Lakes waters and St. Marys R. Last Sat. in April (April 26) - March 15: On Lower Pen. waters not otherwise closed to fishing. Open all year: Lower Pen. Gr. Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Clair R., Detroit R.	15" except 13" on: L. Erie L. St. Clair St. Clair R. Detroit R.		
Northern pike		24"		
Flathead catfish	Open all year	15"		
Channel catfish		12"		10
Muskellunge	May 15 - February 29: Upper Pen. inland and Gr. Lakes waters St. Marys R. Last Sat. in April (April 26) - March 15: Lower Pen. inland waters Open all year: Lower Pen. waters of L. Michigan Lower Pen. waters of L. Huron L. Erie 1st Sat. in June (June 7) - Dec. 15: L. St. Clair St. Clair R. Detroit R.	42"		1
Yellow perch (Note 4)	Open all year	No size limit		50
Sunfishes (Note 5)				25 in any combination of the listed species
White bass				25 on Gr. Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Marys R. St. Clair R., and Detroit R. 10 on inland waters
Lake whitefish Lake herring (cisco)				12 in any combination
Lake sturgeon	Please see page 22 for Sturgeon Regulations			
All others (Note 6)	Open all year	No size limits		No possession limit

Notes for Table 3

Note 1 - All Coolwater fish

Coolwater fish include all species listed in this table. For easy identification of species see p.10-12. Some waters may have other more restrictive regulations. Refer to Sylvania Wilderness Area (p. 23), Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters (p. 18-19), and Exceptions to General Regulations by County (p. 27-33). **Also refer to the 2003 Inland Trout and Salmon Guide for regulations on trout streams and lakes.**

Note 2 - Bass

For catch and release largemouth and smallmouth bass season on select waters in **Genesee, Muskegon, Newaygo, and Oakland** counties, see Exceptions to General Regulations by County (p. 27-33).

On Lake Michigan, within one-half mile of the following islands of the Beaver Island Archipelago; Beaver, Garden, High and Hog, (Charlevoix Cty.) the open season is July 1 - Dec. 31.

Note 3 - Walleye

Little Bay de Noc (Delta Co.): No more than 1 walleye over 23" may be possessed north of a line drawn from Peninsula Point light-house to the mouth of the Ford R.

L. Erie, L. St. Clair, Detroit R., and St. Clair R.: One additional walleye may be taken in these waters.

St. Joseph R. No more than 1 walleye over 23" may be possessed from the St. Joseph R. below Berrien Springs Dam to the mouth at St. Joseph/Benton Harbor.

Note 4 - Yellow perch

L. Huron waters of Mackinac and Chippewa Cos. and the **St. Marys R.**, the minimum size limit is 7".

L. Michigan south of the 45th parallel (excluding the Grand Traverse Bays) the possession limit is 35 perch.

Note 5 - Sunfishes

Includes: black and white crappies, bluegill, green and hybrid sunfish, longear, pumpkinseed, redear, rock bass, and warmouth.

Note 6 - All others - Except Lake Sturgeon

Means those species not listed above and not listed in Table 1 (p.13).

For Lake Sturgeon regulations see p. 22.